

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 38-86 are pending.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Claims 38-86 stand rejected as anticipated by IMMERMANN 6,574,617.

Claims 38, 58, and 81 are independent. Each of these claims has been amended to patentably recite the present invention. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

The recited term "user-specific data" is supplemented with an adjunct "defining user preferences" to point out that user-specific data contains identity and preference data as disclosed in the present specification on page 7, lines 5-16.

The step of determining is amended to be in form: "determining, in the at least one service database, a list of services from said plurality of services based on the published user-specific data for said at least one user database". To clarify the term "list of services", there is added an adjunct "from said plurality of services" to point out that this list of services includes only those (local or web-based) services available in a community system, i.e. in at least one service database. This is disclosed in the present specification on page 3, lines 15-17. The second amendment "for said at least one user

database" points out that this determined list of services is produced to be shown and executed in the user database of the SAP, i.e. for (use in) said at least one user database. This is disclosed in the present specification on page 8, lines 15-17.

Claim 38 has been rejected on the basis of an interpretation that an Access Control List (ACL) disclosed in IMMERMANN is considered as "a list of services" of the invention. IMMERMANN teaches that every database has an ACL that specifies the level of access that users and servers have to the database and that the ACL determines the tasks that users can perform in a database (see column 19, lines 5-28). The ACL taught by IMMERMANN is thus bound to a single database (being part of only one database) which is also clear from the text passage of column 12, lines 44-45 referring to Figures 7-9. IMMERMANN, however, does not teach "a list of services" as defined in the step of determining, in the at least one service database, a list of services from said plurality of services based on the published user-specific data. Conversely, IMMERMANN teaches that the ACL is a list of users or servers entitled to access some data elements of a service (see especially column 19, lines 22-24 and column 27, lines 36-37). Therefore, the ACL of IMMERMANN should not be interpreted as a list of services recited in claim 38.

Further, IMMERMANN does not teach that "a list of services" is from a plurality of services as now disclosed in claim 38. With regard to the preamble of claim 38, the Official

Action contends "a plurality of services" to be known from column 18, lines 5-15 and Figure 18 of IMMERMEN. This passage refers to service page 384 listing named services 421-425. On the other hand, the Official Action contends that, as discussed above, ACL is considered as "a list of services" of the invention. However, IMMERMEN does not teach that ACL is from the service page and therefore there is a discrepancy in the interpretation of the Examiner. Therefore, IMMERMEN does not disclose that "determining...a list of services from said plurality of services..." as disclosed now in claim 38.

Further, IMMERMEN does not teach that "user-specific data" defines user preferences as now disclosed in claim 38. The Examiner contends that user-specific data corresponds to items 110 which denote security policy documents in column 9, lines 47-48 and column 27, lines 34-37. These passages just teach that security policy document is for security domains of the users listed in the ACL. Also, point 9 of the Official Action refers that user-specific data corresponds to ID and security data. In other words, IMMERMEN merely teaches automatically creating a list of users who are allowed to access a certain database. However, IMMERMEN does not teach "user-specific data defining user preferences" as now disclosed in claim 38.

IMMERMEN does not teach the step of publishing at least part of the user-specific data of the at least one identity database to the at least one service database as disclosed in

claim 38. IMMERMEN merely teaches that administrator can auto generate...by opening ID database 114...for the security domains of the users listed in the ACLs on databases 140, 142, and 144 (column 27, lines 34-37), but IMMERMEN does not disclose publishing user-specific data defining user preferences as disclosed in claim 38.

The same reasoning as stated above applies to independent claims 58 and 81 as well.

Referring to argumentation above, it would be clear to a skilled person that the subject matter recited in claim 38 differs from the disclosure of IMMERMEN. This also applies to the claims depending on it. The same applies to independent claims 58 and 81 and all other claims depending on those claims. Therefore, the invention disclosed in claims 38-86 is both new and non-obvious in view of IMMERMEN.

Therefore, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the irrelevance of IMMERMEN as based on facts submitted above. Applicant believes that the application shall now be found allowable.

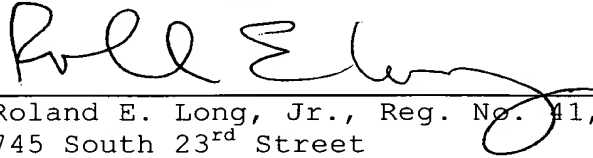
Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should an interview with the undersigned attorney be deemed beneficial, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted prior to any further Official Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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